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1. Details have been received from Athens on the body drop scheduled for the night of 23 June. A seven-man OSO team will be dropped by the OPC covert plane a few miles southeast of Peqin. As a deceptive measure, 50,000 leaflets will be dropped in the vicinity of Elbasan after the drop has been made.

2. A cable has been sent to [] and [] in response to a direct inquiry from [] concerning the latest estimate of the internal situation in Albania and the position of the U. S. Government in respect to the development in Yugoslavia of a movement aimed at the overthrow of the Hoxha regime by a Yugoslav sponsored force. The answer also included the subject of broadening the Committee for Free Albania and restated the position that the inclusion of members of two additional parties would provide the needed breadth to make the committee fully representative and improve its effectiveness.

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